THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 20619 OF 2005

Dated 20th September 2005

Between:

P.Vishnu Prasada Rao S/o.P.Venkoba Rao.

...Petitioner

And

The Govt. of A.P.,

Rep.by its Prl.Secretary, Endowments Dept., and others **...Respondents**

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O R D E R:

The petitioner challenges the orders passed by the Government in G.O.Ms.No.1422, Revenue (Endowments) Department, dated 25-07-2005, and the consequential order passed by the Religious Endowment.

The Government cancelled all the orders of appointment, promotion or extension of scales of pay, as the case may be, passed during the tenure of a particular officer as Commissioner of Endowments, by invoking powers under Section 19 of the A.P. Charitable & Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act. This Court had an occasion to deal with a batch of matters in WP.No.19107 of 2005 and batch, through order dated 09-09-2005. The course of action, adopted in such matters, was pointed out. Learned counsel for the petitioner, Learned Government Pleader for Endowments, and the Learned Standing Counsel for the 3rd respondent-Temple, do not dispute that this writ petition is also identical to the said batch of writ petitions.

In view of the same, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that,

a. the 1st respondent, the Government of A.P., shall issue a show cause notice to the petitioner, pointing out the defects in the orders of promotion, issued in favour of the petitioner. On a consideration of the same, the Government shall pass appropriate orders, within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

b. Pending such proceedings, the petitioner shall be continued in service, subject to the same terms and conditions, as were applicable to him, before he came to be promoted.

c. In case, the enquiry is not concluded within the period stipulated above, or no extension sought for, is granted, the petitioner shall be entitled to the benefit of orders of promotion, without prejudice to the right of the Government, to take further steps.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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20th September 2005

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